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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, JUNE 23

1. SUN (PAGE 1) HEADLINE "US SPY TAPS TIED TO KGB -- CALLS SIPHONED FROM SOVIET, CIA UNIT TOLD" DATELINE WASHINGTON. THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE REPORTS THAT BY SECRETLY TUNING IN ON A MASSIVE KGB EAVESDROPPING OPERATION, THE NSA HAS OVERHEARD PRIVATE TELEPHONE CALLS OF AMERICANS, INCLUDING THOSE OF GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS LEADERS AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, ACCORDING TO TESTIMONY GIVEN THE ROCKEFELLER COMMISSION. SECTION OF ROCKEFELLER REPORT HEAVILY CENSORED BY WHITE HOUSE FOR "NATIONAL SECURITY REASONS." SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE SAID IT PLANS TO INVESTIGATE THE EXTEN OF SOVIET PENETRATION. HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS, EVEN MILLIONS, OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS INVOLVED.

2. SUN (PAGE 1) HEADLINE "LAIRD HINTS REDS BUILD ABM'S BANNED BY SALT," DATELINE WASHINGTON. LAIRD, IN THE JULY ISSUE OF READER'S DIGEST, CHARGED USSR CHEATED ON 1972 SALT AGREEMENT AND MAYBE DEVELOPING A FORBIDDEN ABM SYSTEM TO GIVE "SIGNIFICANT STRATEGIC ADVANTAGE" OVER UNCLASSIFIED

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THE U.S. LAIRD ALSO CHARGED USSR SPENT AT LEAST 40 MILLION DOLLARS TO IMPOSE A COMMUNIST REGIME ON PORTUGAL.

3. SUN (PAGE 1) HEADLINE "SOVIET, CHINA SAID TO ARM

ANGOLAN GUERRILLA MOVEMENTS" DATELINE LUANDA. DIPLO-MATIC SOURCES SAY SOVIET AND CHINESE WEAPONS ARE BEING SUPPLIED TO TWO OF THREE RIVAL AFRICAN GROUPS. SOVIET ARMS ARE BEING SMUGGLED THROUGH BRAZZAVILLE, BOUND FOR TROOPS OF THE POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR LIBERATION OF ANGOLA. CHINESE ARMS COME FROM ZAIRE FOR THE RIVAL NATIONALIST LIBERATION FRONT.

4. NYT (PAGE 1) HEADLINE "SALYUT 4 MISSION NEARING A RECORD - 2 CREWMEN CHALLENGE SOVIET ENDURANCE MARK, FLIGHT IS APPARENTLY FLAWLESS," BY MALCOLM BROWNE, DATELINE MOSCOW.

5. NYT (PAGE 10) JUNE 22 HEADLINE "SOME SOVIET PARTY JOBS FILLED, OTHERS VACANT, IN PRE-CONGRESS MANEUVERING," BY CHRISTOPHER WREN. THERE HAVE BEEN SHIFTS IN PARTY COMMAND IN AT LEAST FIVE REPUBLICS THIS SPRING AND TWO POSTS IN MOSCOW REMAIN CONSPICUOUSLY VACANT (PARTY SECRETARY FOR IDEOLOGY AND TRADE UNION CHAIRMAN).

6. WP (PAGE 20) JUNE 22, HEADLINE "MOSCOW'S MIDDLE EAST EFFORT SHELVED," BY PETER OSNOS. SOVIETS AGAIN ON THE SIDELINES AFTER A BURST OF ACTIVITY THIS SPRING. INGERSOLL

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